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BONN FOR RSO; DEPT FOR SY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: DEFENSIVE DRIVER TRAINING

1. THE POST HAD EARLIER INFORMED RSO, BONN THAT WE INTENDED TO SEND OUR TWO DRIVERS TO A DEFENSIVE DRIVER TRAINING COURSE. THE FOLLOWING IS IN RESPONSE TO RSO'S REQUEST THAT WE BRIEFLY REPORT THE OUTCOME OF THE COURSE.
2. THROUGH THE GOOD OFFICES OF STUTTGART'S LAND LIAISON OFFICER (LLO), WE WERE ABLE TO SEND OUR TWO DRIVERS TO A DEFENSIVE, ANTI-TERRORIST DRIVER TRAINING COURSE HELD BY THE LANDESKRIMINALAMT (LKA) ON APRIL 19. THE COURSE IS REPEATED AT SIX-MONTH INTERVALS AND WE NOW HAVE A STANDING INVITATION TO SEND DRIVERS TO THE COURSE WHENEVER DEEMED NECESSARY.
3. OUR DRIVERS FOUND THE TRAINING USEFUL; INDEED, THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S DRIVER PLACED SECOND IN PERFORMANCE AMONG TWENTY

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PARTICIPANTS. THE COURSE CONSISTED OF CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION FOLLOWED BY ACTUAL DEFENSIVE DRIVING EXERCISES INCLUDING FAST SPEED BRAKING, TURNING AND RAMMING, USING OLD POLICE VEHICLES FOR THE PURPOSE.

4. ONE LESSON LEARNED FROM THE COURSE IS THAT EVASIVE DRIVING IN CASE OF NEED ON NARROW CITY STREETS WOULD BE FAR EASIER

WITH SMALLER, MORE MANEUVERABLE VEHICLES THAN WITH THE SO-CALLED "INTERMEDIATE" PLYMOUTH FURY, FOR EXAMPLE. WE RECOGNIZE AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THAT SMALLER VEHICLE WOULD PROVIDE LESS RAMMING POWER.MILLER

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